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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN VISA REQUIREMENTS

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1. PAN AM AIRWAYS OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TODAY THAT ON OCT 29, GOV REVOKE REVOKED REGULATION WHICH ELIMINATED TOURIST CARD. THUS, AIRLINES AND TRAVEL AGENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT VISAS NOT RPT. NOT REQUIRED FOR TOURIST VISITS. HE STATED THAT GOV NOW HAS SITUATION UNDER STUDY AND PROBABLY WILL PROMULGATE STRICTER GUIDELINES IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT THEY MOST LIKELY WILL BE DIRECTED AT THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SOURCES OF ILLEGAL ALIENS.

2. HOWEVER, ANOTHER SOURCE HAS INDICATED THAT, WHILE THE ORDER HAS BEEN RESCINDED AS FAR AS AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE CONCERNED, HE UNDERSTANDS IT WILL STILL BE APPLICABLE TO SOME LA COUNTRIES.

3. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS EVER MADE REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE TOURIST CARD AND THE NEW REQUIREMENT FOR VISAS WAS LEAKED TO THE PRESS BY DISGRUNTLED TOURIST AGENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AIRLINES RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION AND THE WORD CANCELLING IT BY TELEPHONE CALLS

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